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## Hola Peregrinos & Peregrinas!

This year is rapidly drawing to an end and has seen a few new and exciting changes.

*Before much else is said we would like to say a sad farewell to our much beloved fellow pilgrim who has contributed a lot to both the founding and development of the CSJofSA. Gordon Scholtz passed away on 22 August 2009. He will always be fondly remembered by the CSJofSA. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with his beloved wife, and our dear friend, Marilyn.*

**Photographic Competition 2009:** is due to close on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Due to the strike of postal workers, we have been advised by the SA Post Office that up to a 2 week delay is inevitable (both outgoing, e.g. passports posted and incoming, e.g. applications for passports, membership as well as photo competition stuff) – therefore, to be fair to the members that have entered, we have decided to move the competition deadline date to the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

This should give everyone a chance to get their entries in on time. Please submit the three photographs that bring back the best/special/most precious memories of “your Camino”. This is an amateur/member photographic competition – the judges do not expect photographs of a professional nature. We look forward to receiving your Camino pic’s.

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**2010 Calendars:** can be ordered now. Order forms are attached below. These will be printed once the winner of the Photographic Competition has been selected by the judges and ready for distribution by 15 December 2009. The winning photograph will grace the front cover of the 2010 calendar. The rest of the twelve pages will have the 12 best Camino/ pilgrim photographs, selected by the judges and will follow in order of choice. You can order for yourself, or as Christmas gifts for pilgrim friends in SA and abroad.

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**Cloth and Pin Badges:** Unfortunately, due to the increase of manufacturing prices we have to increase the price of both our badges by R5. Cloth badges will now cost R30 and the Pin badges R35.

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**The new “Amigos” Newsletter:** Our flagship publication was redesigned and published in a new format during July 2009. Judging from the response from members, interested parties and overseas Confraternities that we have received to date, it has been well received. As we have originally done, prior to 2006, it is now being published in an A5 full colour Adobe format for easy on-screen reading and

printing. We will continue to review and assess the content and presentation of this important publication and, based on our own observations, research and feedback received, adjust the design and layout so as to eventually arrive at a point where it contains the range and depth of articles that will suit the profile of our current membership. The next copy of "Amigos", (no. 21), will be sent out to you by end October 2009 by email. If you are wishing to receive a printed copy of Amigos, which will be published three times per year, either you can subscribe to it by emailing Fran Parsons, the details are below, or you can have a single copy posted to you. New subscriptions and single copies will be charged at prices which still need to be finalized and this information will be conveyed to you before the end of the year. The existing subscribers (for 2009) will remain on our subscription list until the end of the year and receive their copy of the new "Amigos" by post.

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### St. James' Feast Day

**Western Cape:** was held at the St. James church in St. James, (Kalk Bay) on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and was very well attended. Thank you to the organizers for its success and special thanks to Bernard Sullivan and Derek van Rensburg for all their time and effort they put in into making the day most enjoyable

**Kwazulu Natal:** was organized by Sylvia Nilsen at her home in Durban. A very happy day was spent with shared "tapas" and a chance for old and new pilgrims to meet. She had an attendance of 26 pilgrims.

**Southern Cape:** was organized by Denise Craine at her home in Knysna. She had an informal gathering of pilgrims for "Sopa" and normal sharing of Camino banter. She had an attendance of 10 pilgrims. Denise reports that the network support in the Southern Cape is growing.

**Gauteng:** was cancelled due to the 702 Fun Walk that was held on the same day.

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### Next Social Event

**Western Cape:** Year-end function - **Sunday, 29 November 2009 at 12:00** - "bring and share" lunch – Spanish style. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to meeting the new members and to share their pilgrim experiences with them. The venue is still to be confirmed.

**Southern Cape:** will be hosting a social event in October. Further details will be conveyed to the Southern Cape region by your regional representative – Denise Craine, when dates have been finalized.

**Kwazulu Natal and Gauteng** still need to confirm dates and venue and will be conveyed to you in due course.

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**Thank you members:** for sending in copies of your Compostelas to add to our register as well as your update forms. Thank you too for your support and especially to those that have offered their services and contributions in assisting the CSJofSA run more efficiently.

***Buen Camino!***

**Francine Parsons**  
Chairman

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